Encroachments on the lane leading from the Peruvila road to Kottavila village, Agastisvaram taluk.

159. **MR. D. FRANCIS** (*Nominated*): Are the Government aware:

(*a*) that the lane *poramboke* in Survey No. 2264 of the Neendakara pakuti which is the only pathway to the Kottavila village has been encroached upon by the owners of neighbouring lands on both sides of the lane and that therefore the people, cattle and carts of the village cannot pass along the lane without much difficulty;

(*b*) that a large number of people died of cholera last year (1104) in this particular village for want of a pathway for the doctors on cholera duty to go to the village and give medical help; and

(*c*) of the inconvenience felt by the charitable gentlemen of the Cholera Relief Committee to go to the village and help the poor sufferers with their donations?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Survey No. 2264 in the Neendakara pakuti is not a lane *poramboke*. The pathway to Kottavila runs through Survey Nos. 264, 316, 318, 309, 308, 305, 306 and 296 of which the first two numbers alone are *porambokes*. The encroachments on these *poramboke* lands have been ordered to be removed.

(*b*) The information is that there were only 9 deaths on account of cholera in this village.

(*c*) The answer is in the negative.

Restoration of the tank in Survey No. 888 of Vadivisvaram pakuti.

160. **MR. D. FRANCIS** (*Nominated*): (1) Are the Government aware

(*a*) that petitions have been presented to the P. W. D. by E. Kutti Kannu Nadan and others of Erulappapuram village, Vadivisvaram pakuti, Agastisvaram taluk, for improving the tank in Survey No. 888 in that pakuti; and

(*b*) that the people of the abovesaid village and of the surrounding villages have no water for communal and other purposes within a distance of more than 1½ miles on all sides since the above tank was breached about five years ago?

(2) Will they be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the people of the abovesaid villages presented their last petition to the Government and the Chief Engineer on the 29th Makaram 1104, that the Chief Engineer in his letter No. 378, dated 19th March 1929, ordered the Division Officer, Nagercoil Division, to submit the estimate for sanction and that the estimate has been prepared accordingly in the Division Office?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) and (*b*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(2) The Chief Engineer has received a petition on the 5th February 1929 from the inhabitants of the village and he has forwarded it to the Division Officer, Nagercoil Division, for report. The latter has called for an estimate for the improvement of the tank.

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